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DAVID E. JANSSEN  
Chief Executive Officer

July 31, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: REQUEST FOR JURISDICTION  
INTERSECTION OF SUNFLOWER AVENUE AND COVINA BOULEVARD  
CITY OF COVINA  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt the Resolution declaring the portion of the intersection of Sunflower Avenue and Covina Boulevard, within the City of Covina, to be a part of the County System of Highways.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to declare a portion of an intersection of Sunflower Avenue and Covina Boulevard within the City of Covina part of the County System of Highways. This action will allow the County of Los Angeles to take the lead to construct a traffic signal at this intersection, which is jurisdictionally shared by the County and the City.

Sections 1700-1702 of the California Streets and Highways Code authorize the County of Los Angeles to declare the portion of the intersection within the City to be a county highway for the purposes of installing the new traffic signal. The declaration must be by a resolution, adopted by four-fifths vote and must be consented to by the City.

**Board of Supervisors**

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Thereafter, the County of Los Angeles would be authorized to perform the work required to install the traffic signal within the City's portion of the intersection together with, and in the same manner as the work, which is to be performed within the County's portion of the intersection.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). By improving traffic safety at the intersection of Sunflower Avenue and Covina Boulevard, residents of the City of Covina and nearby cities and unincorporated County areas who travel on Sunflower Avenue and Covina Boulevard will benefit, and their quality of life will be improved.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost estimate for the project is approximately \$545,300, including design, construction, and construction engineering. The intersection is jurisdictionally shared with the City of Covina. The City and County's estimated jurisdictional shares of this project are \$130,000 and \$415,000, respectively. The necessary \$415,000 required to finance the County's share of the project has been included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Construction Program Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Section 1700 of the California Streets and Highways Code provides: "The board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, declare any highway in the county lying in whole or in part within a city to be a county highway for one or more of the following purposes: acquisition of rights-of-way, construction, maintenance, improvement, or repair."

Additionally, Section 1701 provides: "A copy of such resolution shall be forwarded to the governing body of the city within which is included any portion of the highway. Such governing body may consent to the establishment of such included portion as a part of the county highway. Upon the taking effect of an ordinance or resolution containing such consent, such portion of such highway shall become a county highway for one or more of the following purposes: acquisition of rights-of-way, construction, maintenance, improvement, or repair."

Lastly, Section 1702 provides: "Thereafter the board of supervisors of the county may acquire right of way for, construct, maintain, improve, or repair such highway in the same manner as other county highways, and may pay for such work out of one or more of the following: (a) the county general fund, (b) the road fund, (c) the proceeds of any county bond issue voted for the purpose of laying out, constructing, maintaining, improving, or repairing county highways, and/or (d) any other fund available for such purposes."

The proposed improvements are needed and of general County interest. The project is tentatively scheduled to be advertised for construction bids in fall 2007, pending the City's consent to jurisdiction and the County obtaining the necessary approvals to complete the project. Once the project has been completed, we will request your Board to adopt a resolution relinquishing the portion of the intersection within the City back to the City.

The attached Resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The adoption of the Resolution is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria specified in Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA guidelines and Class 1(x)(5) of the County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

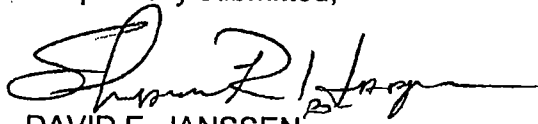
The project will enhance motorist safety by constructing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Sunflower Avenue and Covina Boulevard.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of the letter and one certified copy of the Resolution to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division, for further processing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Janssen", written over a horizontal line.

DAVID E. JANSSEN  
Chief Executive Officer

DEJ:DLW  
SA:sc

Attachment (1)

c: County Counsel

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PORTION OF THE INTERSECTION OF  
SUNFLOWER AVENUE AND COVINA BOULEVARD, WITHIN THE  
CITY OF COVINA, TO BE A PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The intersection of Sunflower Avenue and Covina Boulevard (hereinafter referred to as INTERSECTION) is located partly within the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as COUNTY) and partly within the City of Covina (hereinafter referred to as CITY); and
2. The COUNTY, with the consent of the CITY, will be the lead agency for a project to install a new traffic signal at the INTERSECTION; and
3. Section 1700-1702, inclusive, of the Streets and Highways Code authorizes a county to declare any highway lying in whole or in part within a consenting city to be a county highway for one or more of the following purposes: acquisition of rights-of-way, construction, maintenance, improvement, or repair; and
4. The portion of the INTERSECTION, which is located within the CITY is hereby declared to be a COUNTY highway and part of the System of Highways of the COUNTY for the limited purpose of the construction of the aforementioned new traffic signal at the Intersection.
5. Upon completion of construction and field acceptance of the traffic signal, all right, title, and interest of the COUNTY in the unexpired portion of the warranty by the construction contractor performing the traffic signal construction shall be assigned to CITY.
6. The declaration in paragraph 4 is made subject to the following conditions:
  - a. That the COUNTY shall not be responsible for any liability or damage occurring by reason of any roadway condition on the portion of the INTERSECTION within the CITY, existing prior to the start of traffic signal construction by the COUNTY or following the completion and field acceptance of said construction.
  - b. That the work to be performed by the COUNTY shall not include roadway maintenance activities on the portion of the INTERSECTION, which is within the CITY, prior to the start of signal construction by the COUNTY or following the completion and field acceptance of said construction.

- c. The CITY agrees to accept the assignment in Paragraph 5 as its sole remedy against the COUNTY in connection with defects relating to said traffic signal construction.

The foregoing Resolution was on the day 31<sup>ST</sup> of JULY, 2007, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

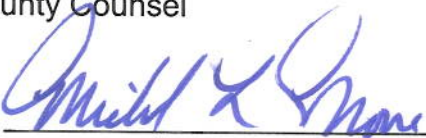


SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By   
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA CONSENTING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
WASHINGTON BOULEVARD BRIDGE OVER  
SAN GABRIEL RIVER, WITHIN SAID CITY, AS PART OF THE SYSTEM OF  
HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors on JULY 31, 2007, duly adopted a Resolution declaring Washington Boulevard Bridge over San Gabriel River in the City of Pico Rivera to be a part of the County System of Highways for the purpose of performing a seismic safety retrofit of the bridge at the aforementioned location, as provided in Sections 1700-1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Supervisors by said Resolution requested this Council to give its consent to allow the County to perform seismic safety retrofit of the Bridge (Retrofit Work), within the City of Pico Rivera; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to perform the Retrofit Work, provided the consent of the governing body of the City shall first be given under the terms herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Pico Rivera does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Consent to Inclusion in County Highway System – That the City of does hereby consent to include Washington Boulevard Bridge over San Gabriel River as part of the System of Highways of the County of Los Angeles as provided in Sections 1700-1704 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, for the limited purpose of performing a seismic safety retrofit of the bridge at this location.

SECTION 2. Indemnification – That the City of Pico Rivera shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold the County of Los Angeles harmless in connection with the City's responsibility under Section 3. below, in addition to any and all claims, liability, injury (as defined by Government Code Section 810.8) or damage relating to the Bridge that is not caused by County's Retrofit Work.

SECTION 3. Roadway Maintenance – The City will remain the owner of the Bridge and remain responsible for all roadway maintenance activities and for any damage or liability occurring by reason of any roadway condition on the portion of Washington Boulevard over San Gabriel River prior to the start of construction by the County or following the completion and field acceptance of said construction. Following completion of construction and County's field acceptance of the Retrofit Work, the City of accepts ownership and full responsibility for all roadway maintenance, including the Retrofit Work.



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF COVINA, CALIFORNIA CONSENTING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
PORTION OF THE INTERSECTION OF SUNFLOWER AVENUE AND  
COVINA BOULEVARD, WITHIN SAID CITY,  
AS PART OF THE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the intersection of Sunflower Avenue and Covina Boulevard (hereinafter referred to as INTERSECTION) is located partly within the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as COUNTY) and partly within the City of Covina (hereinafter referred to as CITY); and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, duly adopted a Resolution declaring the portion of the intersection of Sunflower Avenue and Covina Boulevard, which is within the CITY, to be a county highway and part of the County System of Highways for the limited purpose of the construction of a new traffic signal at the INTERSECTION, in accordance with Sections 1700-1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1701 of the Streets and Highways Code, the CITY is required to adopt a resolution consenting to the proposed transfer of jurisdiction to the COUNTY in order for the proposed transfer to take effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the CITY does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Consent to Inclusion in County Highway System – That this City Council does hereby consent to the establishment of the portion of the INTERSECTION within the CITY as part of the System of Highways of the COUNTY for the limited purpose of traffic signal construction at this location.

SECTION 2. Roadway Maintenance – That the CITY will remain the owner of the portion of the intersection within the CITY and shall remain responsible for all roadway maintenance activities and for any damage or liability occurring by reason of any roadway condition on the portion of the INTERSECTION within the CITY prior to the start of construction of the new traffic signal by the COUNTY and following the completion and field acceptance of said construction. Following completion of construction and COUNTY'S field acceptance of the traffic signal construction, the CITY shall accept ownership and full responsibility for all roadway maintenance relating to the traffic signal.

SECTION 3. Indemnification – That the CITY shall indemnify, defend, and hold the COUNTY harmless from and against any claims, demands, liability, damages, costs, and expenses; including, without limitation, involving bodily injury, death, or personal injury of any person or property damage of any nature whatsoever, arising

from or related to the CITY'S responsibilities under Section 2. above, in addition to any and all claims, liability, injury (as defined by Government Code Section 810.8) or damage relating to the intersection that is not caused by COUNTY'S traffic signal construction.

SECTION 4. Environmental Documentation – The City Council does hereby consent to adopt and concurs with the environmental findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act that has been adopted by the COUNTY in connection with the traffic signal construction.

SECTION 5. Warranty for Retrofit Work – The COUNTY hereby assigns all of its right, title, and interest to unexpired portion of warranty granted to the COUNTY by the construction contractor performing the traffic signal construction following completion of construction of the traffic signal construction and field acceptance of said construction by COUNTY. The CITY agrees to accept said assignment as its sole remedy against the COUNTY in connection with defects relating to said traffic signal construction.